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OUTLINES.

The Boer forces evacuated Bloemfontein and the place was occupied by the British under General Roberts. —— President McKinley signed the Financial bill. —— President Kruger telegraphs from Pretoria that the British will never reach that place. —— A. L. McCaskill appointed postmaster at Fayetteville, N. C. —— Rev. F. N. Anderson, of Richmond, Va., killed by a train on the N. & W. R R. —— Forty seven dead bodies have been removed from the Red Ashe mine. —— Wadesboro has been selected as the place for observation by Princeton professors of the eclipse of the sun on May 28th. —— U. S. industrial commission held a session in Charlotte; many prominent men present.— The plague outbreak at Buenos Ayres is declared of a mild type —New York markets: Money on call firm, actual transactions at 4½@6 per cent., the last loan being at 4½ per cent.; cotton quiet, middling uplands 9¾c; flour was firm; wheat—spot strong No. 2 red 78c; corn—spot firm, No. 2 44c; oats—spot firm, No. 2 28½c; rosin was steady, strained common to good 1.72½; spirits turpentine firmer at 56@57c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., March 14.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 51 degrees; 8 P. M., 52 degrees; maximum, 64 degrees; minimum, 50 degrees; mean, 47 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rain fall since 1st of the month up to date, .43 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—For North Carolina: Rain Thursday and probably Friday; colder Friday in northern and eastern portions, variable winds becoming northwesterly by Friday.

Port Almanac--March 15.

Sun Rises	6 12 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.07 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 55 M.
High Water at Southport.	7.19 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington.	9.49 A. M.

The gold fields of Japan are beginning to attract attention. They cover an area of 650 square miles.

The Windsor *Ledger* has reached its sixteenth year, and a rattling good sixteener it is. Editorially it is strong, and otherwise always interesting.

They say there is soap enough stacked up in Denver, Col., to supply 150,000 people for a whole year. Perhaps they are planning a scheme for exterminating the Indians.

Delaware sportsmen have made contracts with a New York millinery supply house for 30,000 birds. The people of Delaware should fly up against this slaughter of their birds.

Old man Confucius, of China, left a pretty considerable progeny. About 40,000 Chinamen claim to be his direct descendants and put on airs about it. Minister Wu Ting Fang, at Washington, is one of 'em.

Ostrich farming began in South Africa in 1865 with eighty birds. Two years ago there were 237,000 in Cape Colony. But the plumes of these domesticated birds are not as fine or highly prized as those of the wild birds.

A Washington hen has recently laid an egg with W. J. B. in bold relief on the shell. But North Carolina hens got the start of this Washington hen on this. They have been laying that sort of ornamented eggs for some time.

The Boers didn't capture Cecil Rhodes, whom they would like exceedingly well to have gotten their grip on, but there is a son of Prime Minister Salisbury penned up in Mafeking, and if they get him it will not be a bad take.

Removal on the Wharf.

Mr. T. D. Love has moved his wholesale grocery and commission business from No. 24 South Water street to the commodious store No. 114 North Water, which has been lately remodeled and painted to suit the conveniences of his business. He now has one of the best appointed store rooms on the wharf and is to be congratulated upon the change to larger and better quarters. It places his office nearer the wharf of the Merchant's and Farmer's Steamboat Company of which he is General Agent, and also gives other conveniences in the way of location.

"Quo Vadis" Last Night.

"Quo Vadis," purporting to be a dramatization of Sienkiewietz's famous novel, was presented last night at the Opera House before a fair-sized audience. The play was not in touch with the novel and greatly missed the coloring and general effect, but was, despite the marked variance, very entertaining and attractive. The lines were good, and the moral elevating and religious. With the exception of J. Sidney Macey, who was very clever in the role of Nero, the actors were decidedly poor and failed to charm.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Zeb Hodges, of Burgaw, is here on a business trip.

— Mr. A. E. White, of Lumberton, is registered at The Orton.

— Mr. J. E. Williams, of Chadbourn, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

— Mr. G. W. Carroll, of Duplin county, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

— Mr. A. F. Johnson, of Clinton, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

— Mr. T. B. Pierce, proprietor of the Warsaw Crate Factory, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

— Messrs. S. C. Register, W. B. Hawes and J. S. Rouse, of Duplin, were here yesterday on business trips.

— Mr. L. P. McKenzie, Wilmington manager of the Armour Packing Company, left yesterday for a business trip

— J. O. Carr, Esq., returned yesterday from Raleigh, where he has been in attendance upon the Supreme Court.

— Mrs. Sallie McDaniel, of Whiteville, passed through the city yesterday en route to Burgaw, where she will visit friends.

— Miss Agnes Vogt has returned, after a two weeks' stay in Jacksonville, N. C., where she has been on professional business.

— Dr. W. H. Lippitt, formerly of the Marine Hospital service, has decided to locate in this city for the practice of his profession.

— Mr. J. W. Carter, one of the best known and most popular business men of Robeson county, who has been here a day or two, left for his home in "Merry Maxton" yesterday,

— Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates, of Durham, arrived in the city Tuesday evening on a short visit. Dr. Yates served for eight years as pastor of the Front Street Methodist Church and was being warmly greeted by his friends here yesterday.

— Mrs. Mary Powell, who has been conducting a boarding house on Grace between Front and Second streets, left the city yesterday morning with her entire family for Greensboro, N. C., where they will make their future home.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Wilmington Lodge No. 532 B. P. O. E., will initiate several candidates at a meeting to be held to-night in Pythian Hall.

— Jefferson Lodge No. 61 K. of P., conferred their first, second and third degrees upon three candidates at its regular meeting last night.

— Mr. C. E. Saunders, representing Rentrow's Jolly Pathfinders, which will be the attraction at the Opera House all next week, is in the city.

— Messrs. B. S. Jones & Co., of New York, yesterday sold ordinary grades of lettuce at $3.50 per half barrel basket. Fancy Grades, they telegraph, will bring from $8 to $10 per barrel.

— As the STAR is constantly receiving communications endorsing candidates for office, we find it necessary to repeat, for the hundredth time that it has been the rule of the STAR for many years not to print such communications unless paid for as advertisements.

— Capt. Ed. Wilson Manning, superintendent of county schools, has received a letter from State Superintendent Mebane asking him to inform teachers of this county that the next annual examination of teachers for life certificates will be held at the Court House on the second Thursday in July.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Primaries—Change of rules.
Sneed Co.—Place for furniture.
Atlantic National Bank—Strong.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Nice apples.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Atlantic Electric Co.—Princess st.

STEDMAN FOR SHERIFF.

In looking over the list of candidates for Sheriff do not forget that Frank Stedman is the man who, in 1890, seized the Democratic banner, which had been trailing in the dust for 25 years, and carried it to Victory. In that memorable campaign he was the man who had the grit to accept the nomination, and attack the entrenched position of the enemy, carrying it by storm, and thus establishing Democratic rule in New Hanover county What else did he do? He spent his money freely for the whole Democratic ticket and when it was found that our candidate for County Treasurer had been defeated by a few votes, he appointed him Special Deputy, with a salary almost equal (net) to that of the Treasurer.

Frank Stedman can stand the Jeffersonian test—"Is he honest? Is he capable?" This was demonstrated practically when he held the position for which he is now the People's Candidate. † 1t

For Register of Deeds.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds of New Hanover county subject to the action of the Democratic primaries, Thursday, March 22nd.

† 1t O. A. WIGGINS.

For Real Estate Agent,

W. M. CUMMING.

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STATE TOURNAMENT

Of Firemen's Association Will Be Held in Wilmington in June or July.

PRESIDENT J. D. McNEILL HERE

Enthusiastic Meeting of Citizens at City Hall Last Night to Arrange for the Event—Large Number of Committees Appointed.

A large and enthusiastic assemblage of business men and volunteer and paid firemen, with a number of other interested persons, gathered last night in the city court room to take into consideration the matter of the State Firemen's Tournament, which will be held in Wilmington late in June or early in July, the exact date to be decided upon by the executive committee appointed by the meeting of citizens last night.

Chief Charles Schnibben, of the Wilmington Fire Department, called the meeting to order and upon motion of Mr. W. C. VonGlahn, Col. F. W. Kerchner was made permanent chairman. Upon motion of Chief Schnibben, Mr. VonGlahn was chosen secretary, and an informal discussion of the great benefits to be derived by Wilmington in holding the tournament here was indulged in.

Capt. J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, president of the State Firemen's Association, was present at the meeting by invitation, having arrived last evening over the A. & Y. railroad, and he explained to those present the nature of the tournament and gave many valuable suggestions as to what is necessary to make of the occasion the success which has characterized similar events in the State during the past years.

Mr. S. H. Fishblate replied to the remarks of Capt. McNeill, emphasizing the importance of the meeting to Wilmington and telling of the splendid success of the tournament at Greensboro last year. With favorable transportation rates, Mr. Fishblate said that the tournament would bring from five to eight thousand people to Wilmington, and a visit from them would result in inestimable benefit to Wilmington from every point of view. He anticipated no difficulty in securing among business men and others upwards of $2,000 to be distributed in the way of prizes, etc, and he further stated that all conditions here were even more favorable to a successful tournament than at Greensboro last year.

Mr. R. W. Wallace, who attended the tournament at Greensboro, also spoke encouragingly of the idea of having the meeting here.

In order to get the matter before the meeting in definite shape, Chief Schnibben made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Wallace and carried, to the effect that a committee of ten of those present be appointed to retire and appoint other committees which shall have the entire matter of arrangement for the tournament in their hands.

The committee was announced, after which the members retired to the mayor's office and made the following nominations, which were submitted to the meeting and adopted:

Executive Committee—Col. A. M. Waddell, M. Ratjen, Jas. F. Post, Jr., M. W. Jacobi, W. E. Worth, S. H. Fishblate, Walker Taylor, H. C. McQueen, and W. C. VonGlahn.

Finance Committee—Chief Charles Schnibben, Hugh MacRae, J. W. Harper, W. E. Springer, T. J. Gore, A. B. Skelding, J. Allen Taylor, J. R. Kenly, J. C. Boesch, Dan Quinlivan, J. H. Chadbourn, Jr., E. G. Parmele, Geo. R. French and M. O'Brien.

Invitation Committee—W. C. Von Glahn, Chief Charles Schnibben, Assistant Chief W. P. Monroe, Col. F. W. Kerchner, L. Stein and Otto Bancks.

Decoration Committee—Col. W. A. Johnson, C. W. Polvogt, R. F. Warren, Ancrum Lord, P. Heinsberger, J. H. Watters, W. A. Farris and J. H. Rehder.

Music Committee—James W. Monroe, J. E. Willson and S. A. Schloss.

Reception Committee—H. J. Gerken, J. R. Williams, Martin Newman, Martin Schnibben, H. L. Fennell, Jno. C. Boesch, E. B. Burkheimer and R. G. Rankin, Jr.

Printing and Advertising Committee—J. W. Monroe, John Haar, Capt. C. H. White, R. H. Northrop and J. O. Brown.

The first named upon each committee is understood to be chairman of his respective committee. The executive committee is vested with authority to fill any vacancies occurring, and also to appoint a transportation committee, which will be announced later.

The meeting gives promise of substantial results and the STAR promises on behalf of Wilmington to royally entertain the "fire laddies" upon the occasion of their tournament here.

Capt. McNeill is full of enthusiasm at the prospects. He is being entertained and shown over the city by Chief Schnibben and Assistant Chief W. P. Monroe, of the Wilmington Fire Department.

Tug Boat Purchased.

The tug *Royal*, which is a very substantial little steamboat, has been purchased from parties in Jacksonville, N. C., by Mr. W. T. Sears, General Manager of the Angola Lumber Company's plant here, and will be used for towing rafts in the river to the mill, which as STAR readers are aware has just been purchased from the Peregoy-Jenkins Company. Capt. J. H. Williams will probably go around by rail for the new boat early next week.

NEGRO'S DEATH STILL REMAINS A MYSTERY.

Coroner's Jury Was Unable Yesterday to Get a Clue to Killing of Edward Wallace, Colored.

The jury of inquest to investigate the circumstances attendant upon the murder of the old negro, Edward Wallace, whose body was found lifeless and badly mutilated near the National Cemetery late Tuesday afternoon, assembled yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the Court House and heard the testimony of a number of witnesses, but last night an adjournment had to be taken subject to the call of the chairman, as several facts upon which the jury is working have not yet developed.

Dr. Price empannelled the jury as follows: Samuel Hall (foreman), W. A. McGowan (secretary), Steve Greelish, J. T. Gordon, R. M. Capps and John S. Harriss. The testimony of Ella Murphy, one of the negro women who while out searching for fuel discovered the body, was substantially the same as reported in the STAR yesterday morning, as was also the testimony of Martha Jane Evans, another of the colored women, who resides in the "Beverly Scott" house opposite where the body was found. Jim Evans, her husband, testified that he was notified by his wife of the discovery; he went out, identified the body as that of Ed. Wallace, though he was unable to recognize it at first on account of the mutilation of Wallace's face. He had known Wallace for four or five years. He notified Tom Ennett, whom he met in the road, of the occurrence and later Ennett testified that he came to the city and related the circumstances of the find to jailor W. W. King.

Tom Wallace, a son of the deceased, testified that he knew nothing of the killing beyond that his father left home at about 11 o'clock on the morning preceding the afternoon upon which he was killed. He identified the hatchet found near the body as one that his father had taken from home on the morning referred to.

Cornelia Wallace, Mary Wallace and David Wallace, children of the deceased, testified to substantially the same facts, and as there were no other witnesses an adjournment was taken until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. At 3 o'clock the jury visited the scene of the murder, but there were no developments and so far as the public is informed, the murder of the old man is still a mystery.

He carried $64 insurance upon his life, but as this is no more than would be required for funeral expenses, it is improbable that he was killed for the insurance on his life.

SHELTER RIVER IN PENDER.

Citizens Want It Improved and Ask Co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce.

The STAR is in receipt of the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Holly township, Pender county, held at Maple Hill on Saturday last for the purpose of making some organized effort toward inducing Congress to make an appropriation for the opening to navigation of Shelter river in that county. Mr. W. J. Player was chairman of the meeting and Messrs. J. R. Marshburn and A. E. Burton secretaries.

Resolutions drafted by a committee, composed of Messrs. J. A. Lanier, A. C. Dawson, J. K. James, J. C. Wooten and Gibson James, were adopted, asking the co-operation of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce in their efforts in this direction and suggesting that a meeting of this body be held on Monday, March 19th, for the purpose of considering the matter, at which time Mr. K. F. Powers, representing the citizens in that county, will be present to present the matter in its true light. The claim for the appropriation is based upon the fact that the improvement would open up an undeveloped country, creating more business, which would inure to the benefit of not only the citizens there, but also to Wilmington business men.

Funeral of the Late W. J. Penny.

The funeral of the late William J. Penny, whose death was announced in yesterday's STAR, was conducted at 3 30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Market Street M. E. Church in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives. The services were conducted by Rev. R. F. Bumpass, assisted by Revs. J. N. Cole, J. H. Hall, J. W. Craig and Dr. L. L. Nash, of Washington, N. C. The interment was at Oakdale cemetery, the following being the pall bearers: Honorary, Dr. T. B. Kingsbury and Mr. T. T. Seeders; active, Messrs. R. H. Beery, H. O. Craig, W. W. Hodges, Jos. H. Hanby, E. F. Johnson and W. H. Horrey. There were in attendance upon the funeral quite a number of members of Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., of which the deceased was a member.

A Card.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination of State Senator from the counties of New Hanover and Brunswick; subject to the will of the Democratic Primaries.

Respectfully,

† tf GEO. L. MORTON.

FOR SHERIFF,

OWEN FENNELL

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HOWARD RELIEF BUILDING.

Handsome Brick Structure to Be Erected on Northeast Corner of Front and Orange Streets.

A deed was yesterday filed for registration at the Court House conveying from Justice Jno. J. Fowler, commissioner, to the Howard Relief Fire Engive Company, that valuable lot of real estate situate on the northeast corner of Front and Orange streets, the consideration being $2,500.

The STAR announced several months ago when the property was bid in at public sale that it was the purpose of the Howard Relief Company, if the property was acquired by them, to erect upon the site a handsome building to serve as hall and club room, and a reporter was further assured yesterday by Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen, secretary of the company, that there had been no change in plans and that the building will be constructed without delay.

The lot has a frontage on Front of 53 feet and runs back 90 feet parallel with Orange street to an alley. The building will be of brick, with handsome trimming, and will be of the same dimensions as the lot. Plans are now being drawn by several architects and these will be submitted Monday night to the property committee, which is composed of Mr. M. Rathjen (president), Mr. J. W. Duls (vice president), Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen (secretary), Mr. H. T. Duls and Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs. They will then decide upon the specifications furnished and the contract will be let at once for the erection of the building this Summer.

Mr. Gieschen says that the building will be either two or three stories and on the first floor there will be two commodious store rooms. The upstairs will be occupied as the banquet hall, business hall, ball room, dressing rooms, etc., and upon the whole, it will be one of the most elegantly appointed club rooms in the city.

COLUMBUS SUPERIOR COURT.

Docket Taken Up With Criminal Matters. Growing Radishes Under Cover.

Bruce Williams, Esq., of Burgaw, was in the city yesterday, returning from Columbus Superior Court, which is in session at Whiteville this week.

Mr. Williams is attorney for the Atlantic Coast Line in several civil suits pending there, but was unable to get a trial on any of them, as the present is only a one-week term and the docket is crowded with criminal matters, one of the most important of which was tried Tuesday, viz., that of Jane Mitchell, colored, for the murder of Jane Baldwin, also colored. She submitted to manslaughter and was sent to the State prison for seven years.

Mr. Williams tells the STAR that the trucking prospects around Whiteville and Chadbourn are encouraging. Growers in that vicinity are now raising radishes under cover, which hitherto has been an untried experiment and which is proving abundantly successful, as by this method they are able to reach the markets about two weeks earlier.

Will Travel For Commission House.

Mr. James W. Barnes, Jr., one of Wilmington's clever young men, who for the past eleven years has been with the Fore & Foster Company, has resigned his position there and will travel for Messrs. B. S. Jones & Co., wholesale produce commission merchants of New York and one of the best firms in its line in the big metropolis. Mr. Barnes will leave this morning for his initial trip and the best wishes of a large number of his friends will go with him for an abundant success in his new avocation. He has been with Messrs. Jones & Co., for the past eight years as local agent here in addition to his duties at the Fore & Foster Company.

Death of Mrs. Bailey.

Mrs. Eliza A. Bailey, relict of the late J. C. Bailey, died last night at 9.35 o'clock at her home, No. 219 South Third street, in the eighty-fourth year of age. Mrs. Bailey had been for some time in feeble health by reason of the infirmities of her age, and while her death was not wholly unexpected, it nevertheless came as a blow to her numerous friends in the city. The The funeral will be conducted to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock from the late residence and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Marriage at Rock Springs Hotel.

Last night at eight o'clock at the Rock Spring Hotel, on Chesnut street, Mrs. F. V. Bagwell, proprietor of the house, was happily married to Mr. Cornelius M. Byrd, of Harnett county, Rev. E. J. Edwards, of Southport, officiating. Among the number of attendants were quite a number of Mr. Byrd's friends from his native county and several of Mrs. Bagwell's friends. Mr. and Mrs. Byrd will reside in Harnett county.

IREDELL MEARES FOR STATE SENATOR

The friends of Mr. Iredell Meares present his name to the Democratic primary for the nomination for State Senator from this district. Mr. Meares has been true to his party, true to his community, and in public and private life, has given freely of his time and talents to advance the best interests of this community.

He has been an active party worker for years, and worked untiringly in the last campaign, serving the party and the cause of New Hanover by day and by night, and merits the compliment of a handsome majority at the hands of the people.

He is eminently fitted to represent this district, and would in the Senate reflect credit upon this city, county and State.

† tf DEMOCRATS.

THE COUNTY ROADS.

State Geologist Holmes Here to Consult With the County Commissioners.

THE ROCK QUARRIES VISITED.

Material Being Mined at City Quarries Was Inspected and Prof. Holmes Visited the "Hermitage" Near Castle Haynes.

State Geologist J. A. Holmes is in the city by invitation of the Board of County Commissioners to confer with members of the same and to give them the result of his long experience in road making in the State. The commissioners thought it advisable to have Prof. Holmes talk to them regarding this matter in view of the fact that recently some very extensive and permanent road improvements have been inaugurated by the county, reference to which has been made in these columns from time to time.

Prof. Holmes arrived in the city Tuesday night and yesterday in company with Col. Roger Moore, Chairman of the board, and Mr. W. F. Alexander a member of the same, he was driven over to Castle Haynes or Holy Shelter road upon which permanent improvement has recently been undertaken by the convict system and of which about eight miles has already received attention by Capt. Jno. Barry, the county road superintendent. He was especially impressed with the favorable conditions for permanent road improvement in the county and during the progress of the drive he gave Col. Moore and Mr. Alexander some valuable points as to how the work should be done as learned from his experience in different parts of the State.

The party also visited the new city rock quarries in East Wilmington and Prof. Holmes made an examination of the material being mined there for the city street work. He said that it would require some time to demonstrate the durability of the rock in question. It appeared to be soft, but an experiment would probably show that it is suited for all intended purposes. He expressed the opinion that there is a bountiful supply of the material in the vicinity of the quarry. It is probable that the Streets and Wharves Committee of the Board of Aldermen will arrange to-day for a further consultation with him.

The party which took the drive with Prof. Holmes yesterday went as far as Prince George bridge, which is about eight miles from the city, and while in that vicinity they visited Mr. Burgwin's place, known as the "Hermitage," upon which there are large deposits of road rock and which the commissioners are considering the advisability of quarrying. Prof. Holmes says that the material there is admirably adapted for the work, and that a supply is obtainable at a distance of possibly a hundred yards from the railroad. A quantity of it has not more than three feet overlay, and the tract embraces over 300 acres. It is believed, however, that rock can be secured in quantities from quarries already in operation more economically than this can be mined. The commissioners now have this matter under consideration.

Col. Moore, Mr. Alexander and Prof. Holmes returned to the city yesterday afternoon. Prof. Holmes is undecided whether he will return to his home to-day or to-morrow.

WILL MEET AT MOREHEAD.

Teachers' Assembly Will Not Hold Its Annual Session in Wilmington.

The STAR was misinformed Tuesday as to the meeting of the Teachers' Assembly here in June. The telegram from which the information was gathered came from an unofficial source in Greensboro, and as much as the error is regretted it is to be more regretted that Wilmington will not have the pleasure of entertaining the Assembly this year. A special from the STAR'S Raleigh correspondent yesterday afternoon says that the Committee at its meeting in Greensboro Tuesday night decided to hold the next session at Morehead City.

The STAR'S Raleigh correspondent, telegraphing last night, said:

"The executive committee of the Teachers' Assembly, at its meeting in Greensboro last night, decided in favor of Morehead as the place of meeting for the next Teachers Assembly. Wilmington's claims were considered and discussed at length, but at a late hour a vote resulted in favor of Morehead, Secretary Mebane to day wrote Mr. M. W. Jacobi, chairman of the Wilmington Committee, setting forth the reasons that led to the selection of Morehead. In the course of his letter Mr. Mebane says: "The main reason was hotel charges. If the Orton House had given us a dollar rate, we could have managed the rest."

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Legislature, subject however to the action of the Democratic Primaries. If elected I shall direct my energies to the passage of such laws as will be for the best interests of the people of New Hanover county.

tf E. H. FREEMAN.

FOR SHERIFF,

FRANK H. STEDMAN.

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Second and Market Streets.

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION.

County Board of School Directors Publicly Thank Children for Books.

Following is the resolution adopted at the last regular meeting of the county school directors in token of their appreciation for books donated for the children of District No. 13, references to which has been made in these columns:

With a deep sense of gratitude the "County Board of School Directors" desire to express, in a public manner, its appreciation of the prompt and timely response of the pupils and teachers of the Public Schools of the City and to others not connected with these schools, for giving needed books and other school supplies to the school children in the country who lost theirs by the fire of February 26th 1900, when the county superintendent of schools appealed to them for help.

This generous act is spoken of and held up by the school children of the entire county as one of great kindness.

Respectfully,
W. A JOHNSON, Chairman,
W. H. SPRUNT,
DONALD MACRAE,
County Board of School Directors.
ED. WILSON, MANNING, Secretary

Prof. Favour's Lecture.

The usual requests by the entertainment committee of the Y. M. C. A. are emphasized for their entertainment this evening. The friends and patrons of the course are requested to be in the hall between 8 and 8.30 o'clock, as the doors will be closed at 8.30 and all late comers will be asked to remain without until the door is opened by an usher when they will be seated as quickly as possible, it is also desired that all head dress shall be removed.

Mr. W. J. Fraser, General Secretary, Springfield, Ohio, says: "The originality of Prof. Favour's experiments and the clearness of his explanations, commend him favorably to both the learned and unlearned, while his abundant humor emphasizes his points and affords an unexpected pleasure to the entire audience."

The box sheet will remain open until 7 o'clock this evening for those yet desiring to reserve their seats.

County Executive Committee.

An important meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee was held last night at the office of W. B. McKoy, Esq., in the Smith building. In the absence from the city of Chairman D. McEachern, W. B. McKoy, Esq., presided and there was a quorum present. A change of plan of the primary was made, particulars of which may be had by a reference to an official notice in the advertising columns.

Speaking at Southport.

The STAR is requested by Mr. M. C. Guthrie, chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee of Brunswick, to announce that Hon. F. A. Woodard will address the public at Southport on Monday night, March 19th. The Constitutional Amendment question will be discussed.

DIED.

BAILEY—At 9.35 o'clock last night, at her home in this city, No. 219 South Third street, MRS. ELIZA A., relict of the late J. C. Bailey, in the 84th year of her age.

Funeral Friday morning at 11 o'clock from the late residence. Interment at Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances invited.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PROF. LOUIS FAVOUR,

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Change of Rules for Democratic Primaries.

The Primary Election is called for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following county offices: Sheriff, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, Coroner, County Surveyor, Constable and two members for the House of Representatives; also, a Senator for New Hanover and Brunswick counties.

Ballot Boxes shall be provided as follows: At each voting place there shall be one box properly labelled for each county officer, one box for State Senator and one box for members of the House, and one box for each precinct where there is more than one precinct in the ward or township in which votes for precinct Executive Committeemen and delegates to the County Convention shall be cast. Candidates for county offices shall be voted for on separate ballots. Candidates for House of Representatives shall be voted for on one ballot. Candidates for State Senator on one ballot. Delegates to County Convention and precinct Executive Committeemen shall be voted for on one ballot. No ballot to be counted if found in wrong ballot box, whether placed there by accident or design. Each candidate may have a representative present at the count of the vote. An additional poll holder was appointed for the First and Fifth Wards. Call for Primaries in all other respects stands as previously published.

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MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon	1	6:25 a.m.	Full Moon	16	3:12 a.m.
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			New Moon	30	3:30 a.m.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 15.

THE SUBSIDY FRAUD.

The promoters of the ship-subsidy fraud have not had the easy time they expected in getting their scheme through Congress, but on the contrary have encountered more opposition than they anticipated, so much so that they have remodelled and modified the bill several times since it was first introduced. They have been working on it lately and now hope they have it in shape to placate some of the opposition.

Some of the most uncompromising opposition to it comes from representatives of commercial States, who are interested in building up a merchant marine, and would favor this measure if it was what it pretends to be—a measure to build up an American marine and not a plan to pull money out of the United States Treasury for the benefit of certain combines which can manipulate certain statesmen. Hon. John De Witt Warner has been recently analyzing the bill and exposing its false pretences for the benefit of those who cannot analyze it for themselves. How he has done this work is thus told in an editorial in the Atlanta *Journal*:

"Mr. Warner shows that the alleged primary object of the bill, the encouragement of our merchant marine has been lost sight of in the final shaping of the measure, and that it now stands simply as a scheme for the distribution of money from the treasury to a few favored capitalists. These bounties are to be given without material relation to our export trade.

"The bill provides that the government shall contract to give to owners of certain shipping for from 20 to 30 years bounties in cash up to $9,000,000 a year, aggregating $180,000,000 at least, without any prospect of benefit to American commerce. The subsidy is to vary from 1 cent to 3.8 cents per ton of registered tonnage per 100 miles sailed, and will average 1 1-4 cents for sail vessels and those making less than 24 knots an hour, and about 3 1 2 cents for swift passenger steamers.

"The subsidized ship owners are not to be paid in proportion to the business done, the extent to which they increase the tonnage of our shipping or the lowness of the rates they offer.

"The farmer is not promised cheaper ocean rates on his outgoing grain, nor is the manufacturer assured of new facilities for exporting his wares cheaply to countries with which we have faulty communications. No new routes to ports not now reached are required, but existing ships, or routes already amply served, can get the money. The bounty will not even be restricted to American ship owners, since it is provided in the bill that a ship may receive a subsidy if a bare majority interest is owned by Americans. Nor will American labor be exclusively employed on the subsidized ship, since but 25 per cent. of the sailors are required to be Americans. Cargo is not insisted upon, the highest subsidy going, indeed, to the passenger steamers that carry the least cargo. These vessels will be built without subsidy for the sake of the high profits made in the trans-Atlantic passenger business, so that money given to promote their construction is thrown away. A small initial bonus would insure their construction in such a way as to fit them for transports, or cruisers, so that subsidies for 20 years for this purpose are superfluous.

"One of the prospective beneficiaries of the bill is now having eight ships built, but four of them are under construction in foreign ship yards, and these will be entitled, under the Hanna-Payne bill, to subsidies as well as the four built at home. Another expectant subsidy-seeker has four ships under construction—all of them being built abroad. Another firm has seven ships under construction in other countries, and still another two. There's no prospect that the Hanna-Payne scheme will encourage ship-building in this country. What it will do, and about all it can do, will be to pour many million dollars of the people's money into the pockets of a few favored firms and individuals.

"Mr. Warner describes the Ship Subsidy bill as "of the trusts, by the trusts, for the trusts." The last state of this bill is worse than the first, and we do no not wonder that many Republicans are warning their party not to press such a measure on the eve of a presidential election.

With all these modifications of the bill they manage to keep in the liberal subsidy to be paid for speed, which, of course, means that the rich men who can build large fast steamers would get the most of the subsidies, while the freight vessel of moderate speed would get but little. It isn't the big fast steamers that we need, for they carry but little if any freight, depending almost altogether on the passengers they carry, and that's why so much money is expended upon them to make them floating palaces and to give them great speed.

The fraud under which they take cover to justify this discrimination in favor of fast ships is that by granting this subsidy the government will get the use of a lot of fast vessels which in case of war can be easily converted into auxiliary war vessels. But we venture to say that when, in the event of need, the Government gets control of these subsidized ships it would be at a cost which would pay the owners a very handsome profit on the cost of the ships, as was so frequently the case during the war for Cuba. If they really desired to secure the co-operation of ship-builders or ship-owners in adding an arm to the navy, and subsidized for this special purpose, they ought to say so, and not be playing fraud in pretending to be aiming at a merchant marine, of which these fast ships would really be no part, although under this scheme they would secure the larger part of the subsidy.

It isn't these great, fast-sailing ships we need to aid our commerce, but vessels of moderate size and cost to be employed as freight carriers to compete with foreign ships, which now do about the whole of the work. They would carry few if any passengers, while the fast vessels referred to above would carry little if any freight. Is there any doubt in the mind of any sensible person which of these two vessels would come nearest to filling the requirements of a merchant marine?

But that isn't what they are after. It is ships that can compete for the passenger carrying business both ways across the ocean, which will give little if any thought to freight, that will get the bulk of the $9,000,000 to be annually paid in subsidies, and of the $180,000,000 that is to be paid altogether in the twenty years subsidy period. That means that a few combines with capital enough to build ships of this class will gobble up most of these millions and then we will not have a merchant marine, for there is but little inducement to build moderate sized ships, with moderate speed to compete with foreign ships and also with the highly subsidized ships if they conclude to carry freight. It is simply a scheme to take money out the Treasury and an unmitigated fraud.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

It has been a matter of surprise to many people why, notwithstanding the advantages offered by Eastern North Carolina for the investment of capital, there has been comparatively so little invested in new enterprises. The people who were surprised did not realize the conditions that confronted us or they would not have been surprised. The following, which we clip from the Windsor *Ledger*, presents an object lesson which explains at a glance the reluctance of capital in the past to seek investment in Eastern North Carolina:

"The late Paul C. Cameron, who would have been a very considerable man in any of the walks of life, but who devoted his attention entirely to finances, used to say that no section could be a great country where the negroes were found in large numbers. He had no prejudice against them having owned a thousand or more of them when the war broke out. He used to say that the history of the world proved that no country on earth had ever amounted to anything where the negroes exercised any great influence. For that reason Mr. Cameron refused to invest in Eastern North Carolina, though greatly impressed with its many advantages. After the amendment is passed and there is no further fear of negro domination, we look to see capital come east. No doubt it will be best for both races. In a few years, after the negro turns his attention to labor instead of politics, we look to see them say that it was the best thing that ever happened for the negro race.

When people seek new homes they do not, if they know it, select the sites for their homes in a sickly or otherwise uninviting locality, and neither will capital, which is proverbially timid, seek investment where the conditions are such as to make the investment at least risky. Good, respectable, intelligent, stable government is one of the first requisites, and where there is little prospect of this, little capital will come. We have proof of this in the decided improvement in Eastern North Carolina, within the last two years, during which time there has been more improvement of a substantial character in our towns and cities, and more new enterprises started and consummated than in any half dozen previous years, and all because the negro cloud which had hung over us had been partly dissipated, and white supremacy had asserted itself, giving promise and assurance of better government.

Flying Fox, an English racer, recently sold at auction for $191,000, the highest price ever paid for a horse. He was bought by an agent of Mr. W. C. Whitney, of New York, and a son of the proprietor of the Monte Carlo gambling shebang, who will jointly own and run him.

Cold Steel or Death.

"There is but one small chance to save your life and that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvellous power of Electric Bitters to cure Stomach and Liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It is positively guaranteed to cure Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and never disappoints. Price 50 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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BUTLER DENIES AGAIN.

Senator Butler is becoming a famous denier. He has such poor control of his mouth that he seldom makes a speech on an important occasion that he doesn't get himself into some predicament that it requires a large amount of denying or explaining to get him out of, and he generally makes the case worse for himself, because he does his denying and explaining in the face of the record and the cold print against him. He has several times denied or said he was misrepresented in reports of speeches made by him in this State, when the proof of such utterances was shown by the language written as it was spoken. The fact is that he has become such a habitual denier that nobody pays much attention to his denials now.

His latest performance on that line was in the Senate Tuesday when he said that he had been misrepresented in the colloquy with Senator Aldrich, in which he refused to say whether he still favored the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, and finally when pressed for an answer gave an evasive reply the substance of which was that he was not in favor of it under present conditions and would be only under conditions that may never exist. His language was taken down by the stenographic reporter, substantiated by Senator Aldrich, and he didn't think of denying it until he saw it in print, saw how he had flopped, and thought of the effect of such a flop on the people of his State who thought he was an uncompromising free silver man. This denial was intended for home consumption, but unfortunately for Butler his repudiation of free silver is a matter of record, as other of his speeches which he has denied have been. But that doesn't make any difference with Marion, he denies all the same.

A POWERFUL SPEECH.

The speech delivered by Hon. John D. Bellamy in the House of Representatives in opposition to the Porto Rican tariff bill, is one of the ablest and most convincing delivered in that body, able because it showed such mastery of the subject, and convincing because the contention of the speaker was supported by so many citations from the constitution, from writers and accepted authorities on constitutional law and from decisions of the courts on the power to tax and its limitations and the rights and privileges of the people of the territory acquired or that may be acquired, some of which read as if they might have been made in this special case.

Many speeches have been made on this subject pro and con, but not one of them, as far as our reading goes, has presented such an array of legal authorities, and so thoroughly linked as to present an argument thoroughly convincing and absolutely unanswerable. It was a purely legal argument, without any attempt at flourish, by a man who had given his subject thorough study, and presented in masterly style. Such a speech puts Mr. Bellamy in the front rank of debaters in the House.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The trouble with a great deal of the private pension legislation is that it is altogether too private to be honest. That was the case in the bill to pension a man, whose name was never on the enlistment rolls, as the "photographer" of a Pennsylvania regiment during the War of Secession.—*Savanah News, Dem.*

—— Franklin J. Moses, who was a carpetbag governor of South Carolina, has been arraigned in a Boston court, and charged with larceny. Moses was probably a good and honest fellow when he was young, but he fell into evil when he headed the plunderers of South Carolina, and the route to petty thievery was easy after that.—*Mobile Register, Dem.*

—— The newspapers of the country are almost unanimously opposed to the Porto Rican tariff, however amended. Now we shall see wheth the Congressman have a finer appreciation of a "duty" that threatens their reelection than the President, who says "Congress must take the responsibility," but will not promise to veto what he considers a bad bill. —*Jacksonville, Fla., Times—Union and Citi-zen, Dem.*

A Night of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham, of Machias, Me.; when the doctors said she could not live till morning," writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from Pneumonia, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 25 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles 10 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

Announcement.

To accommodate those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for *catarrhal troubles*, the proprietors prepare Cream Balm in liquid form, which will be known as Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price including the spraying tube is 75 cts. Druggists or by mail. The liquid form embodies the medicinal properties of the solid preparation. Cream Balm is quickly absorbed by the membrane and does not dry up the secretions but changes them to a natural and healthy character. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., N. Y. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Fayetteville *Observer*: A strange whistle was heard by residents of the city Tuesday, a loud deep hoarse noise like the sound from a great ocean fog horn. It was from the engine of the Tolar-Hart Holt mill on Massey hill, and was the signal for the starting up of the splendid machinery of that magnificently equipped factory, which stands on the finest site in the South.

— Charlotte *News*: Charlotte had a real strike this morning. Nearly one hundred operatives in the factory of the Charlotte Clothing Manufacturing company quit work between twelve and one o'clock Tuesday, leaving only the superintendent in the work room. Up to the time of going to press there have been no overtures from either the proprietors or the operatives and the strike bids fair to continue indefinitely.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: The Secretary of the State chartered a new electric light company for Asheville. The business proposed is to supply to the public, including both individuals and corporations power in the forms of electric current, hydraulic, pneumatic and steam pressure for use in driving machinery, and for light, heat and all other uses to which the power so supplied can be applicable. The plant of the company is to be on the French Broad River in Buncombe county, with its distributing point is Asheville, Hendersonville, Waynesville and Biltmore to any other distributing point in North Carolina.

— Salisbury *Sun*: Copper has been discovered on the William Boger land in Cabarrus county, near Mount Olive church, and not far from the Rowan line. The first vein discovered was two feet wide at a depth of seven feet. Another shaft, sunk 150 yards above the first, struck a vein about 8 feet wide. Mr. Harkey has also discovered a vein on his own property, on a line from Gold Hill, about a mile east of the Boger place. —— A North Carolina industry of which perhaps very few people in Salisbury know, is a shoe factory at Elkin, N. C., in which the hides are tanned and shoes are made for men, women and children. This factory was started on a very small scale three or four years ago, making nothing but strictly solid leather shoes, which at once sprung into public favor. The demand for these shoes has grown so rapidly that, although the capacity of this factory has been increased to several hundred pairs a day, they are still forced to turn down a large per cent. of the orders received owing to their inability to fill them.

TWINKLINGS.

— Mack—"Well, how does married life strike you now?" Benedict—"It strikes me for pin-money nearly every day."

— "He paints pictures all the time, but he never sells any." "That must be awfully monotonous." "It is. He never has any change."

— What makes you so happy? I thought you were arrested and fined for fast driving?" "So I was. Fined $7.50, and on the strength of the charge I sold my old horse for $100.

— "He has had a long and successful career in politics, I believe." "Yes, he has bought his way into the Senate four times without being investigated."—*Chicago Times-Herald.*

— He got home finally and his wife was up waiting for him. "Well!" she said sarcastically; "you're a beauty!" "Zat so?" he gurgled; 'en you mush be ze beast zish time."

— "It's a disgrace to die rich," said the sociological student. "Maybe so," answered his chum, "but I'd be willing to take chances on being able to exonerate myself."—*Washington Star.*

—We Have All Met Him—"What sort of a fellow is Bobbers in a social way?" "Oh, he's one of those idiots who would say 'sweets to the sweet' when he was passing the pickles to a lady of uncertain age."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— "Oi'm going to l'ave, ma'am." "Why, what for, Delia?" "T'is bakase av that near-sighted dude that calls on yer daughter. Flirtin' with me, he was. Oi was cleanin' the parly windy, an' he tuck me fur yer daughter wavin' a han'kercher at 'im."

— Nell—"Isn't Miss Ainshent's new silk dress terrific! She couldn't have been in her right senses to get anything so loud as that." Bell—"Oh, I don't know! There's method in her madness. She argues that when she gets tired of it as a dress it will make a lovely crazy quilt all in one piece."

NOAH AND THE FLOOD.

Deluge Necessary to Prevent the Overpopulation of the Earth.

The building of the ark proves that the family of Noah must have possessed and transmitted a large inheritance of knowledge and skill in arts that were common to men before the flood, says the Brooklyn Citizen. The magnitude and seaworthiness of that great specimen of antediluvian marine architecture, not less than 600 feet in length and 100 feet in breadth and, with its three decks, at least 60 feet in depth, are conclusive testimony to a proficiency in the arts such as we should expect from the immense advantage at which men worked who had hundreds of years in which to accumulate skill, experience and methods, instead of dropping their life work as soon as well begun, like the artisans and engineers of the present day.

With lives ten times as long and vigorous as ours, how long would it have taken the antediluvians to fill up the eastern hemisphere or both hemispheres? Allowing them the 1,656 years of Moses' chronology for a maximum, we shall stand aghast at our own figures if we take the smallest conjecturable ratio of increase in computing the population engulfed by the deluge. At only three times postdiluvian ratio, or 4.5 per century, the population would have passed the present number of mankind in a little more than 12 centuries, and when that great day came the flood would have found as its inconceivable prey a population 400 times as large as the earth now sustains.

Although the antediluvian patriarchs, with their average lifetime of nine centuries, be assumed to correspond to our present "oldest inhabitants," who may average at most nine decades, we must still infer that the general average of human life was, in like manner, ten times as long by nature before the flood as now. Of itself this lengthened term must have several times multiplied the present ratio of increase in population. The much greater proportion of persons who lived to become parents, with the lengthened term of parentage in the individual, must have still further multiplied the ratio of increase.

After making all possible allowances or even supposing no greater ratio of increase in the worst of the antediluvian centuries than has prevailed since we are compelled to accept the Mosaic chronology as the longest that the limits of probability and of the capacity of the eastern hemisphere will bear, and not only so, but the deluge itself becomes another logical necessity—that utter destruction of all families of the earth save one was the only alternative to an overcrowding of the earth.

MARINE.

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Clyde steamship Saginaw, Johnson, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones

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Stmr. Seabright, Sanders, Calabash and Little River, S. C., Stone, Rourk & Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., March 14, 1900.

SCHOONERS.

Jno B Fell, 318 tons, Loveland, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Wanola (Br), 272 tons, Wagner, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Mecosta, 199 tons, Stratton, George Harriss, Son & Co.

S P Hitchcock, 553 tons, Sorensen, George Harriss, Son & Co, (for dry dock).

STEAMSHIPS.

Northflint, (Br) 1,408 tons, Owens, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Yearby (Br), 1,665 tons, Goldsworthy, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

BARQUES.

Passat (Nor), 655 tons, Aanonsen, Heide & Co.

Adele (Swed) 596 tons, Holmgren, Heide & Co.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—		
2 lb Jute	6¾ @	7
Standard	7 @	7½
Burlaps	6 @	6½
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ℔ lb	12½ @	15
Sides ℔ lb	@	8
Shoulders ℔ lb	@	8
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ℔ lb	6¼ @	6¾
Shoulders ℔ lb	@	6
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	@	1 40
New New York, each	1 40 @	1 50
New City, each	1 40 @	1 50
BEESWAX ℔ lb	@	24
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℔ M	6 75 @	7 00
Northern	9 00 @	14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ℔ lb	18 @	20
Northern	25 @	30
CORN MEAL—		
Per bushel, in sacks	51 @	52
Virginia Meal	51 @	52
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	1 25 @	1 35
CANDLES—℔ lb—		
Sperm	18 @	25
Adamantine	8 @	11
CHEESE—℔ lb—		
Northern Factory	12 @	13
Dairy Cream	13½ @	14
State	11½ @	12
COFFEE—℔ lb—		
Laguyra	13 @	16
Rio	9½ @	11
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard	@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 lbs	@	70
EGGS—℔ dozen	10 @	11
FISH—		
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00 @	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00 @	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00 @	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00 @	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00 @	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75 @	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	@	3 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00 @	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ lb	5 @	10
" Extra	4 35 @	4 50
FLOUR—℔ lb—		
Low grade	@	3 00
Choice	@	3 50
Straight	3 85 @	4 00
First Patent	4 25 @	4 50
GLUE—℔ lb	10½ @	11½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bgs—White	@	55
Car-load, in bgs—White	52 @	53½
Oats, from store	38 @	40
Oats, Rust Proof	@	45
Cow Peas	80 @	90
HIDES—℔ lb—		
Green salted	@	6½
Dry flint	10 @	12½
Dry salt	@	10
HAY ℔ 100 lbs		
Clover Hay	80 @	90
Rice Straw	40 @	50
Eastern	90 @	1 00
Western	90 @	1 00
North River	80 @	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ lb	3½ @	3¾
LARD, ℔ lb—		
Northern	7 @	8½
North Carolina	8 @	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15 @	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—		
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00 @	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00 @	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00 @	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00 @	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00 @	15 00
Common mill	5 00 @	6 50
Fair mill	6 50 @	8 00
Prime mill	8 50 @	10 00
Extra mill	10 00 @	10 50
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—		
Barbadoes, in hogshead	@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels	@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	28 @	30
Porto Rico, in barrels	28 @	32½
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12 @	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14 @	15
Syrup, in barrels	15 @	25
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	2 85 @	3 00
PORK, ℔ barrel—		
City Mess	11 75 @	12 00
Rump	11 50 @	12 00
Prime	11 00 @	11 50
ROPE, ℔ lb	10 @	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum	@	1 25
Liverpool	90 @	95
American	85 @	90
On 125 ℔ Sacks	@	60
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00 @	6 50
Common	1 50 @	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50 @	2 75
SUGAR, ℔ lb—Standard Gran'd	@	5¾
Standard A	@	5⅝
White Extra C	@	4⅞
Extra C, Golden	@	4⅝
C, Yellow	@	4½
SOAP, ℔ lb—Northern	3¾ @	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00 @	14 00
R. O. Hogshead	@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	9 00 @	10 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed		
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50 @	8 50
" Sap	5 00 @	6 00
5x20 Heart	3 00 @	3 50
" Sap	2 00 @	2 50
6x24 Heart	6 00 @	6 50
Sap	5 00 @	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ lb	@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00 @	2 00
North Carolina	1 00 @	2 00
WOOL, per lb—Unwashed	14 @	15
Mill, Prime	7 50 @	8 75
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WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 14.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 54 cents per gallon for machine made casks and 53½ cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market steady at $1.20 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.25 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine steady at 44@43½c; rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar firm at $1.00; crude turpentine firm at $1.35 @2.40.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	16
Rosin	159
Tar	613
Crude turpentine	10

Receipts same day last year.—31 casks spirits turpentine, 177 bbls rosin, 226 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 9⅝c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 15-16	cts ℔ lb
Good ordinary	8 5 16	" "
Low middling	8 15-16	" "
Middling	9⅝	" "
Good middling	9⅞	" "

Same day last year middling firm at 6c.

Receipts—147 bales; same day last year, 85.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 77½@80c. Virginia—Prime, 50c; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm, 53½ to 55 cents per bushel for white.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tidewater) 85 cents; upland, 50@60 cents. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 7 to 8c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $2.25 to 3.25; six-inch, $4.00 to 5.00; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to 9.00 per M.

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Quotations on local securities, furnished and regularly corrected by Hugh MacRae & Co.:

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	BID.	ASKED.
A. C. L. of Conn., 5 per ct. Certs.	110	112½
A. C. L. of Conn., stock	150	...
A. C. L. of S. C.	123	...
Wilmington & Weldon	175	...
W. & W. 7 per ct Certs	142	146
N. C. R. R.	157	160
Wilmington Compress Co.	...	10
Delgado Mills	109	110
Wilmington Cotton Mills, pfd.	110	115
Henrietta Mills	195	...
Wilmington Gas Light Co.	70	74
Carolina Insurance Co.	107½	...
Underwriters' Insurance Co.	106	108
National Bank of Wilmington	112	115
Atlantic National Bank	200	...
Murchison National Bank	112	...
Wil. Savings & Trust Co.	215	...
BONDS.		
N. C. 4's	105½	106½
N. C. 6's	135	138
City Wilm. con. 5's, gold, 1922	112	115
City Wilm. con. 5's, cur.	100	...
City Wilm. 5's 1919	100	...
City Wilm. 6's	101	105
Masonic Temple 1st 6's	105	...
Masonic Temple 2d 6's	...	100
Wilmington Compress Co.'s 5's	85	...
Wilmington & Weldon 5's	116	...
A. C. L. 4's	100	...

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Money on call firm; actual transactions were at 4½@6 per cent., last loan at 4½. Prime mercantile paper 5@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange irregular, with actual business in bankers' bills at 485⅝@485¾ for demand and 481⅞@482 for sixty days. Posted rates 483½ and 487. Commercial bills 481¼@482¼. Silver certificates 60¼@61¼. Bar silver 59¾. Mexican dollars 47¾. Government bonds weak. State bonds strong. Railroad bonds were firm. U. S. 2's, reg'd, 102; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 111½; do. coupon, 111½; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 135½; do. coupon, 135½; U. S. old 4's, reg'd, 117; do. coupon, 117¾; U. S. 5's, reg'd, 116¼; do. coupon, 116¼; N. C. 6's 127; do. 4's, 106; Southern R'y 5's 110⅝. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 62⅞; Chesapeake & Ohio 28⅝; Manhattan L 93⅜; New York Central 134⅛; Reading 17½; do. 1st prefer'd 58; St. Paul 123; do. preferred 172¾; Southern Railway 13; do. preferred 58; American Tobacco, 105⅜; do. preferred 135; People's Gas 97¼; Sugar 101¼; do. preferred 108; T. C. & Iron 92¼; U. S. Leather 12; do. preferred 72⅜; Western Union 82⅛.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Rosin was steady; strained common to good $1 72½. Spirits turpentine firmer at 56½@57c.

CHARLESTON, March 14.—Spirits turpentine firm at 53c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels. Prices unchanged.

SAVANNAH, March 14.—Spirits turpentine firm at 54½c; sales 60 casks; receipts 434 casks; exports 150 casks. Rosin firm; sales 1,638 barrels; receipts 1,001 barrels; exports 226 barrels. Quotations were: A, B, C, D, $1 50; E, $1 55, F, $1 60; G, $1 65; H, $1 85; I, $2 05; K, $2 25; M $2 50; N, $3 00, W G, $3 20; W W, $3 40.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 14.—After opening steady at unchanged prices to an advance of three points the cotton market lost the slight improvement, but soon turned firm on buying of May and August contracts by shorts. May and August were chiefly in demand. The early sellers were, for the most part, commission houses and brokers, but the latter soon became active buyers and showed every anxiety to protect sales made earlier. Prices maintained an upward course until the gain on yesterday's closing figures was from three to twenty-one points. The improvement was chiefly on old crop positions, one house being reported as a buyer of 50,000 bales. While the new crop positions advanced to a partial extent the improvement was reluctant, further accounts regarding the territory to be devoted to cotton being quite as bearish as anything heretofore said. The general market, however, remained quite apart from such influences. A few traders were conspicuously active all day with the rank and file following their lead. The market at the close was steady at a net advance of one to sixteen points.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 9⅝c.

Cotton futures closed steady: March 9.52, April 9.48, May 9.47, June 9.44, July 9.43, August 9.33, September 8.37, October 8.05, November 7.89, December 7.85, January 7.85, February 7.85.

Spot cotton closed quiet at 1 16c. higher; middling uplands 9⅝c; middling gulf 10c; sales 1,085 bales.

Net receipts 756 bales; gross receipts 2,227 bales; exports to the Continent 590 bales; stock 158,457 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 20,591 bales; exports to Great Britain 9,655; exports to the Continent 2,311 bales; stock 926,556 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 52,569 bales; exports to Great Britain 48,195 bales; exports to France 2,810 bales; exports to the Continent 21,337 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 5,703,615 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,697,479 bales; exports to France 591,707 bales; exports to the Continent 1,928,262 bales.

March 14—Galveston, steady at 9 7 16, net receipts 1,703 bales; Norfolk, firm at 9¾, net receipts 1,143 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 9⅝c, net receipts 847 bales; Boston, quiet at 9 11 16, net receipts 558 bales; Wilmington, quiet at 9⅝c, net receipts 147 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 10c, net receipts 142 bales; Savannah, steady at 9 7-16c, net receipts 3,356 bales; New Orleans, firm at 9 5-16c, net receipts 11,208 bales; Mobile, nominal at 9 5 16c, net receipts 358 bales; Memphis, steady at 9 5-16c, net receipts 536 bales; Augusta, steady at 9⅝c, net receipts 142 bales; Charleston, nominal at 9¼, net receipts 632 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Flour was firm but not quotably higher. Wheat—Spot strong; No. 2 red 78c; options opened steady on covering. Later they sold off under liberal interior interests, small export dealings, short selling and clearences only to recover in the last hour on a scare from Europe and genaral covering. Closed strong at ⅛@⅝c net advance. March closed 77⅛c; May closed 73½c; July closed 73⅛c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 44c; options opened steady and were quiet all day, showing considerable decline under more unloading and small exports. In the last hour prices rallied with wheat, closing firm and unchanged. May closed 42¼c; July closed 42⅞c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2, 28⅛c; options were quiet all day, closing firm on the late rise in corn. Lard steady; Western steam $6 30; refined lard quiet and steady. Pork firm. Butter firm; Western creamery 20@25c; State dairy 20@24. Eggs barely steady; Southern 15½@16½c at mark; Western 16½@16¾c at mark. Tallow quiet. Potatoes firm; New Jersey $1 25 @1 75; New York $1 50@2 00; Long Island $1 50@2 00; New Jersey sweets $2 25@2 75. Cheese strong; fancy large white and colored 13@13½c; fancy small colored 13¼@13½c; fancy small white 13@13½c. Cabbage steady; Long Island $4 00@6 00 per 100. Rice steady. Freights to Liverpool dull. Petroleum steady. Cotton seed oil a trifle better in tone, but quiet; the only sale reported being 100 bbls April prime summer yellow at 37c; for May 37½c was asked. Closing quotations: Prime crude, in barrels, 33½c; prime summer yellow 36c bid; off summer yellow nominal; butter grades 38 @39c, nominal; prime winter yellow 39c; prime white 39c; prime meal $26 00@27 00. Coffee—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 8¼c, nominal; No. 7 jobbing 8⅝c; mild steady; Cordova 9¼@14c. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 3⅞c; centrifugal 4⅜c; refined firm.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Influenced by a good cash business and covering by shorts wheat closed strong to day, May ½c over yesterday, May corn closed ⅛@¼c up and May oats a shade improved. Provisions at the close were a trifle better.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Cash quotations: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring —; No. 3 spring 61@66c; No. 2 red 68½@69c. Corn—No. 2, 36⅜ @36½c. Oats—No. 2 23¼@23½c; No. 2 white 26¼@26⅜c; No. 3 white 25¼@26¼c. Pork, per barrel, $10 00 @10 97½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $5 85@5 97½. Short rib sides, loose, $5 85@6 10. Dry salted shoulders, $6 25@6 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 20@6 30. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 24.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 March 66, 66, 66, 66c; May 66, 66⅛@66⅞, 65⅞, 66⅞c; July 66⅜@66⅞, 67½@67⅝, 66, 67½c. Corn—No. 2 March 36@36⅛, 36⅛, 35@36⅛, 36⅛c; May 37⅛@37¼, 37¾, 3¼@37⅛, 37⅝@37¾c; July 37⅛ @37¼, 37⅞, 37⅛, 37¼c; September 38⅛@38¼, 38¼@38⅜, 38, 38¼@38⅜. Oats—May 23⅞; 23⅞, 23¾, 23⅝c; July 22¼, 22⅞, 22¼, 22⅞. Pork, per bbl—May $10 95, 11 15, 10 95, 11 02½; July $10 90, 11 10, 10 90, 10 97½. Lard, per 100 lbs—May $6 02½, 6 07½, 6 02½, 6 02½; July $6 10, 6 15, 6 10, 6 10. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $6 02½, 6 05, 6 00, 6 02½; July $6 02½, 6 07½, 6 02½, 6 02½.

BALTIMORE, March 14.—Flour quiet, steady and unchanged. Wheat dull—Spot and March 72⅛@72¼c; May 73@73¼c; Southern wheat by sample 68@74c. Corn easier—Spot, March and April 41@41¼c; May 41⅜ @41½c; Southern white corn 42@42½c. Oats steady; No. 2 white 30½c.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, March 14, 4 P. M.—Cotton—Spot in fair demand; prices 1 32d higher. American middling fair, 5 13 16d; good middling 5⅝d; middling 5 9-16d; low middling 5 17-16d; good ordinary 5¼d; ordinary 5 1 16d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 9,300 American. Receipts 7,300 bales, all American.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet but steady at the advance. American middling (l. m. c.)—March 5 30-64@5 31-64d value; March and April 5 28 64d seller; April and May 5 24 64d seller; May and June 5 20-64@5 21 64d seller; June and July 5 17 64@5 18-64d seller; July and August 5 14-64@5 15 64d seller; August and September 5 3 64@5 4-64d buyer; September and October 4 41 64d seller; October and November 4 28 64@4 29 64d seller; November and December 4 23 64d seller; December and January 4 21-64@4 22 64d seller; January and February 4 20 64d seller.

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Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—4 barrels rosin.

W. C. & A. Railroad—128 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 106 barrels rosin, 140 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—8 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 32 barrels rosin, 12 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—10 bales cotton.

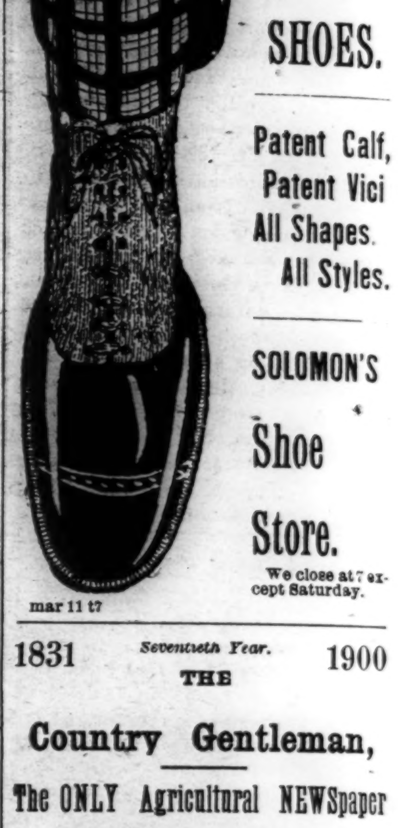
Steamer A. P. Hurt—1 bale cotton, 4 casks spirits 17 barrels rosin, 461 barrels tar, 10 barrels crude turpentine

Total—Cotton, 147 bales; spirits turpentine, 16 casks; rosin, 159 barrels; tar, 613 barrels; crude turpentine, 10 barrels.

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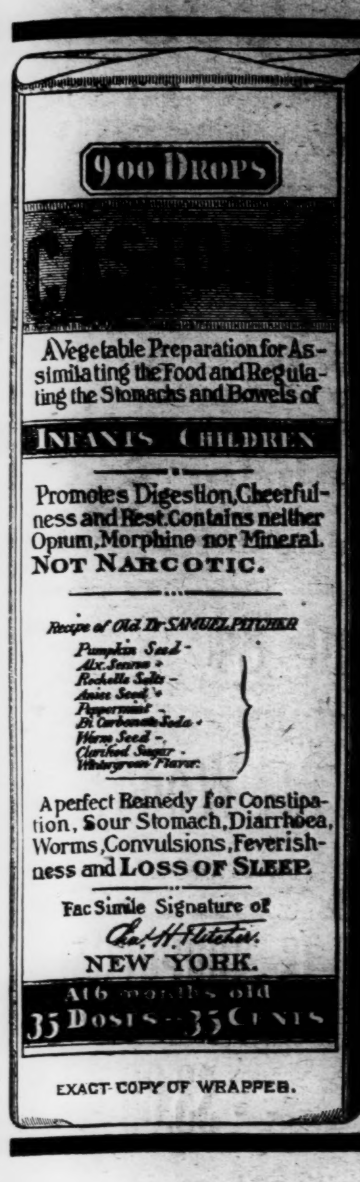
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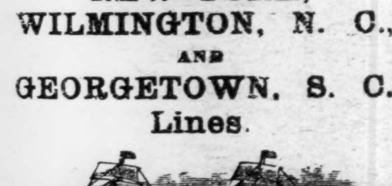
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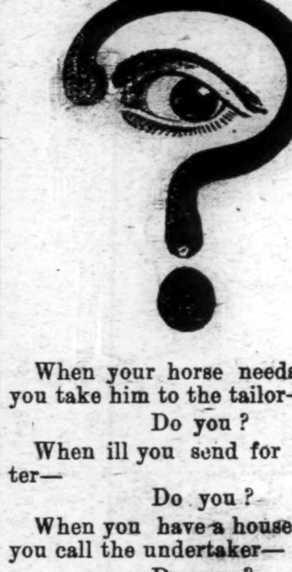
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"Hazel, what letter is this?"

Hazel thought a long time and called it "I."

"No, no, Hazel. You ought to know what this is. What does your father drink every night for supper?"

"Beer!" shouted Hazel, and she wondered why the teacher smiled.—Detroit Free Press.

Maternal Hope.

The cruel words of her wayward son had all but crushed the fond mother.

"I shan't wear curls any longer!" he had declared.

But now her desolate heart is being lighted by a ray of hope.

"Perhaps he'll let me cut his hair!" she exclaims, radiant through her tears.

Ah, the worst has clearly not yet happened.—Detroit Journal.

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His mother's pride and joy.
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And little hood to match,
But Auntie Lou said, "Cookies—
I'll bake him quite a batch."
But when I said, "They'll make him sick,"
Aunt Mary chimed in, too,
"I think he'd better have a toy;
A woolly lamb will do."
"No," said papa; "he's got more toys
Than any one I know.
I'm going to get him a Newfoundland dog.
That's best. Don't you think so?"
So that's the way they kept it up,
And baby's birthday came
Without a single, blessed gift.
Now, wasn't that a shame?
We gave him kisses by the score,
We took him for a ride,
And by the time next birthday comes
Perhaps we shall decide.
—Detroit Free Press.

NOT A BAD DEAL.

BY RUDYARD KIPLING.

The little volume of verses entitled "To Lalage" made quite a stir in the literary world. One critic of note said that it was instinct with classic grace, another that it was informed by the true spirit of Hellas, a third that it had a whiff of Hymettus, a fourth that it was hardly suitable for family reading, and on the strength of all this laudation "To Lalage" was a success, and several copies were bona fide sold to complete strangers. Imagine, then, the bitterness of heart with which Adrian Pottles, the gifted author, saw himself compelled to maintain strict anonymity and to conceal from the world thirsting to know him that he was the "A. P." whose initials appeared in old English letters on the title page.

Yet he did not hesitate, for he knew that if his uncle, Mr. Thomas Pottles of Clapham Common, discovered that he wrote not only verses—which was bad—but amatory verses—which was atrocious—his means of present livelihood and prospects of future affluence would vanish into thin air. For Mr. Pottles was a man of strict views, and, whether one regarded this world or the next, there could be no question that a bank clerk of evangelical connections committed a grave fault in writing love poems.

So poor Adrian had to make up his mind to remain unknown and to hold his tongue even when he heard that another man had been claiming the authorship of "To Lalage." Luckily, perhaps, he failed to find out who this miscreant was, or probably his indignation would have overcome his prudence and he would at any cost have claimed his own.

The secret was well kept, and Adrian received the usual check at Christmas time, and with it the usual invitation to spend the festive season with his uncle and to bring with him his young friend Peter Allison, to whom old Mr. Pottles had taken a great fancy. Peter was a man of many engagements, but sought after as he was and proclaimed himself to be he remembered the good cheer at Mr. Pottles' and accepted the invitation. They went down together, Adrian bewailing his hard fortune and denouncing the imposter, Peter warmly sympathizing, but counseling continued silence and prudence.

"Ah, if I could only claim it!" cried Adrian, opening his Gladstone bag and gazing fondly at half a dozen neat, clean copies of "To Lalage." "I should be the lion of the season, Peter."

Peter smiled and shook his head. "A fortune is better than fame, Adrian," said he.

For a day or two all went well at Clapham. The old gentleman was in the best of tempers, and the two young men did their best to keep him in it, indorsing all his views as to the lax morality and disgraceful tone which pervaded modern literature and modern society, and when they had done their duty in this way they rewarded themselves by going in next door and having tea with Dora Chatterton, a young lady whom they both thought charming. Indeed Adrian thought her so charming that, after a short acquaintance, he sent her a copy of "To Lalage"—with the author's kind regards. Now, Miss Dora Chatterton adored genius. She had thought both Adrian and Peter very pleasant young men; she had perceived that they both thought her a very pleasant young woman, and she had been rather puzzled to know which of them she would, in a certain event, make up her mind to prefer. "To Lalage" settled the question. It was the gifted author A. P. who deserved her love, and A. P. obviously stood, not for Peter Allison, but for Adrian Pottles.

The very next morning she called early at Mr. Pottles'. She found him alone. The boys, he explained, had gone for a walk. Dora was disappointed, but failing the author himself she was content to pour her praises into the ears of an appreciative and proud uncle. She did so, expressing immense admiration for Adrian's modesty in not having told Mr. Pottles of his achievement.

"Humph!" said Mr. Pottles. "Let me see these—er—things."

The effect of "To Lalage" on Mr. Pottles was surprising and particularly so to Dora. In less than ten minutes she found herself being shown the door and intrusted with a letter to her brother in which Mr. Pottles stated that she had been reading wicked books and ought, in his opinion, to be sent to her own room for an indefinite period.

"And I shall know if you don't give it her," said Mr. Pottles, viciously.

Thus it happened that Adrian and Peter, as they were returning, met poor Dora on the steps with this horrid note in one hand and her pocket handkerchief in the other—for Mrs. Chatterton shared Mr. Pottles' views, and Dora did not enjoy having to deliver the note. They were just hastening up to speak to her when Mr. Pottles himself appeared on the steps holding out "To Lalage" in his hand. Adrian grasped the situation.

"For heaven's sake, Peter," he whispered, "say you wrote the beastly thing! I'm ruined if you don't."

"Eh? But he'll kick me out."

"I'll stand a pony."

"Two," said Peter, firmly.

"Well, two, but be quick."

Then Peter spoke up like a man and accepted the blame of "To Lalage."

"But your initials aren't A. P.," objected Mr. Pottles.

"To avoid suspicion I reversed the order. Mine are P. A."

"James," said Mr. Pottles to the footman, "pack Mr. Allison's bag."

But Dora gave Peter the kindest and most admiring glance as she murmured softly to Adrian, "They're lovely! Oh, don't you wish you could write verses, Mr. Pottles?"

Adrian started. He had not bargained for this, but Peter had overheard and interposed:

"I am more than consoled by your approval, Miss Chatterton." Mr. Pottles called to Adrian, and he had to go in, leaving Dora and Peter in close conversation, and to assure his uncle solemnly that he had been entirely disappointed and deceived in Peter, and, worse still, in Dora, and that he never wished to see either of them again. Mr. Pottles shook him by the hand and forgave him.

Adrian passed a wretched week. In several newspapers he saw it openly stated that Peter now admitted he was the author of "To Lalage." Peter wrote that the £50 were most convenient and that he had had a most charming letter from Dora, and that all the literary world was paying him most flattering attentions. Adrian ground his teeth, but he had to write back, thanking Peter for all his kindness.

Meanwhile Mr. Pottles grew restless. Every paper he took up was full of the praises of "To Lalage." The author was becoming famous, and Mr. Pottles began to doubt whether he had done well to drive him forth with contumely.

"Adrian," he said suddenly one morning, "I don't know that I did justice to young Allison. I shall have another look at that book. I shall order it at Smith's."

"I—I happen to have a copy," said Adrian timidly.

"Get it," said Mr. Pottles. Mr. Pottles read it—first with a deep frown, than with a judicial air, then with a smile, lastly with a chuckle.

"Ask him to dinner," he said. "Oh, and, Adrian, we'll have the Chattertons. I wish you could do something to get your name up, my boy."

"You like it, uncle?"

"Yes, and I like the manly way he owned to it. If he had prevaricated about it, I'd never have forgiven him."

After this Adrian did not care to confess. It was too bad. Here were both his uncle and Dora admiring Peter for his poems and crediting Peter with candor and courage. He was to lose both fame and Dora! It was certainly too much. A sudden thought struck him. He went to town, called on Peter, and, as the police reports say, "made a communication" to him.

"It makes me look like a scoundrel," objected Peter.

"Two hundred at six months," suggested Adrian.

"And she is a nice girl— No, I'm dashed"—

"A monkey at three!" cried Adrian.

"Done!" said Peter.

It was a sad tale of depravity on one side and self sacrificing friendship on the other, that Mr. Pottles and Dora Chatterton listened to that evening.

"He had made," said Adrian sadly, "a deliberate attempt to rob me of my fame before, and he repeated it. And yet, uncle, an old friend—boyhood's companion—how could I betray him? It was weak, but I could not. I stood by and let him deceive you."

"You're a noble fellow," said Mr. Pottles, in tones of emotion.

"Indeed, yes," said Dora, with an adoring glance.

"There, let us say no more about it," pursued Adrian, magnanimously. "I have my reward," and he returned Dora's glance behind Mr. Pottles' broad back.

The next time he met Peter he said: "I am really immensely indebted to you, old fellow. My uncle has come down handsome, and if the monkey now would be conv"—

"By gad, yes!" said Peter. He took it in crisp notes and carefully pocketed them.

"And is Miss Dora kind?" he asked.

"She's an angel."

"And you are generally prosperous?"

"Thanks to you, my dear old friend."

"Then," said Peter, producing a piece of paper from his pocket, "you might persuade your publishers to withdraw this beastly thing." It was a writ, and it claimed an injunction to restrain Peter from claiming the authorship of "To Lalage."

"Then you've been publicly claiming it?"

"I had to keep up the illusion, Adrian. Do me justice."

"But," said Adrian, "how, Peter—how does it happen that the writ is dated the day before we went to Clapham?"

He paused. Peter grinned uneasily. A light broke in on Adrian.

"Why," he exclaimed, "you're the villain who"—

"Exactly. Wonderfully provident of me, wasn't it? What, you're not going?"

"Never let me see your face again," said Adrian. "I have done with you."

He rushed out. Peter whistled gently and said to himself, "Not a bad deal. He must stop the action or the old man will twig."

Then he whistled again and added, "Glad I got it in notes. He'd have stopped a check." A third time he whistled and chuckled and said, "Now, I wonder if old Adrian'll make five hundred and fifty out of it? Not a bad deal, Peter, my boy."

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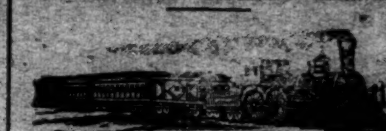
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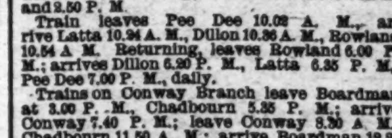
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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 9.



To Take Effect Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1899, at 9 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
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Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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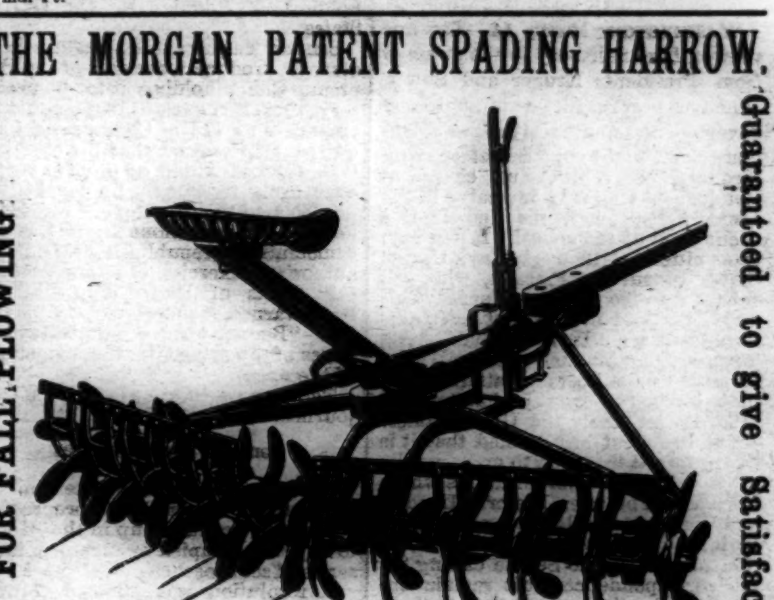
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THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 15.

RAILROAD FREIGHT RATES.

Interstate Commerce Commission's Decision--Case of City of Danville Against the Southern Railway.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Commissioner Prouty, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to-day rendered a decision in the case of the City of Danville and others against the Southern Railway, holding that the system of rate making into Southern territory under which on traffic from St. Louis, Chicago and other points the rates to Danville are the sums of locals to and from the Ohio river and the rates to Lynchburg are made on a much lower joint rate basis, is utterly unreasonable.

After saying that whatever has honestly and in good faith gone into the railroad enterprise should be protected, the decision holds:

"But the people living in such territory are also entitled to protection, and the Southern Railway, by virtue of the fact that it has obtained possession of and now controls the avenues of communication by rail between the city of Danville and the outside world, has no right to deprive that community of the competitive advantages which the enterprise of its citizens in one way or another has secured and upon the strength of which business conditions have grown up; it must recognize the geographical position and the commercial importance of the city of Danville.

"In determining the Danville rate from New Orleans and Western points of shipment, the Southern railway, which do inates the situation, should, instead of adding to the rate to Lynchburg the local back from Lynchburg, recognize that the business is through business upon which Lynchburg, a competitor of Danville, enjoys a low through rate, and upon which Danville itself is entitled to a through rate."

"If the carriers desire to make rates in that manner, the commission decides they must so adjust their charges as not to annihilate the city of Danville. It is held that the rates to Danville must be adjusted with relation to rates to competttive localities like Lynchburg, and the carriers from the point of origin to destination should pro rate in these rates if they participate in either Lynchburg or Danville business."

Under all the circumstances and conditions freight rates from Northern and Eastern cities, from Western points of shipment and from New Orleans to Lynchburg may properly be somewhat lower than those to Danville, but the present rates to Danville as compared with those to Lynchburg are declared excessive. The rates from Northern and Eastern points to Danville, those from New Orleans to Danville on sugar, molasses, rice and coffee, should not exceed those to Lynchburg by more than ten per cent.

The rates between Danville and the West, including the rate on tobacco to Louisville, Kentucky, the opinion says, should not exceed those between Lynchburg and the West by more than 15 per cent.

The case is held open to await readjustment of rates by the companies interested.

RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.

Lord Salisbury's Answer Declining the Peace Proposition Submitted Through President McKinley.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The answer of Lord Salisbury to the message from Presidents Kruger and Steyn, which was transmitted through our government, was received at a late hour last night by Secretary Hay through Mr. White, our charge at London. As already indicated in the London dispatches, the answer is a declination of the appeal. It has been transmitted to Adelbert Hay, United States consul at Pretoria, who will submit it to the two presidents. This marks the end of the first overtures towards peace. It is believed here, however, that another effort will soon be made by the Boers to attain peace, though recourse may be had to some other agency than the United States.

The President has decided that it is not proper at this time to make public the text of the communications which have passed between Pretoria, London and Washington relative to peace negotiations. Therefore the Allen resolution adopted by the Senate calling for the correspondence must remain unanswered for the present, though there is reason to believe that the cause for maintaining secrecy on this point will soon disappear. It is stated, however, that the press dispatches have indicated the salient features of the correspondence with sufficient accuracy, and that about the only omission, so far as can be learned, was the failure to develop the fact that the appeal of the Boer government that the United States government might be allowed to intervene, was accompanied by an earnest expression by the President of his willingness to do anything in his power to bring about the termination of the war, which he hoped might be attained. Lord Salisbury's reply, while firmly declining the request of the Boer government, conveyed his appreciation of the commendable sentiments which inspired the President's utterances.

Inasmuch as there appears to be some confusion in the public mind respecting the various efforts made by the Boers to end the war, it may be stated that this particular correspondence passing through the State Department was separate and apart from the note addressed by President Kruger and President Steyn to nearly all the continental powers believed to be in sympathy with their cause, and was also distinct from the appeal addressed directly to Lord Salisbury by the two presidents, which, with his lordship's answer formed the subject of the communication made yesterday by him to Parliament.

Judge Taft, president of the new Philippine commission, has notified his fellow commissioners that the commission will convene in Washington March 27th.

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PORTO RICAN BILL IN THE SENATE.

Speeches in Opposition to the Measure by Senators Teller and Turner.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Philippine Question Discussed—The Open Door Policy in the East—Argument in Favor of an Isthmian Canal District Appropriation Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Two arguments were presented to the Senate today in which almost antipodical positions were taken by the two Senators. Senator Teller, of Colorado, in a brief speech maintained that the constitution could not extend over territory acquired by the United States, while Senator Turner, of Washington, elaborately contended that the constitution embraced the acquired territory the very moment the United States took permanent possession of it. Senator Teller held that this government could make the outlying territory into States or could hold it as colonies, as it saw fit; while Mr. Turner maintained that the United States could not hold colonies or dependencies. Aside from the constitutional question the two Senators were in practical agreement. Both were opposed to the pending Porto Rican bill and both objected to any of the insular territory becoming a part of the United States or any of its inhabitants citizens of the United States.

Senator Teller, who expected to leave for Cuba to-night, took the floor first. In a general way he announced he had no doubt of the power of the government to govern the possessions it had acquired. Senator Teller declared he could find ample authority for legislation relating to our insular possession—authority not derived from the constitution. "And I do not believe," said Senator Teller, "that the constitution is in force in any of our new possessions. Congress, I believe, is supreme so far as the making of legislation for acquired territory is concerned. Of course, in enacting such legislation, Congress is bound by certain fundamental principles that underlie this free government.

"After a careful examination of all Supreme Court authorities, I have been able to find only one case that will support the doctrine that the constitution goes of its own vigor into the acquired territory."

He believed that making the acquired territories a part of the United States was optional with Congress and that we have the same power as Great Britain to hold colonial possessions. He did not believe, however, that such territory should be regarded and governed as incipient States of the Union. Porto Rico might, he thought, be held under the sovereignty of the United States and the people, subject to our dictation, might make the laws of the island themselves and the United States might determine what the inhabitants should or should not do. He found no legal difficulty in dealing either with the acquired possessions or their inhabitants.

"I do not want to make Porto Rico and the Philippines a part of the United States and I do not want to make their inhabitants citizens of the United States," said Senator Teller. He added that the relation he would establish between the United States and the acquired territory was entirety consistent with the history and traditions and principles of this country. If he had time, he believed he could prove that the fathers of the country contemplated the acquisition and the holding of colonies by the United States.

Senator Turner challenged any Senator to produce a decision of the Supreme Court holding it to be necessary that the constitution should be extended by act of Congress over acquired territory or that the constitution did not extend *ex proprio vigore* over such territory. In conclusion, he declared the pending bill was manifestly unconstitutional. It was undemocratic, unrepublican and an unauthorized exercise of power over the inhabitants of Porto Rico, and he thus warned the powers in the majority: "Beware, unless you betray the hopes of the future in the exigencies of the present."

The Senate then at 3 P. M. adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The time for general debate on the District of Columbia Appropriation bill which was taken up in the House to-day was occupied by members in a series of set speeches.

A resolution was adopted setting aside alternate Fridays, except such as are devoted under the rule adopted last week to pension legislation, for the consideration of private bills reported by the claims and war claims committee.

The House then went into a committee of the whole to consider the District appropriation bill, on which general debate closed yesterday. Mr. Grout in charge of the bill, made a general explanation of its provisions. The bill carries $6,608,778.

Mr. Adams, Georgia, took advantage of the latitude permitting general debate to deliver a general argument in favor of an isthmiam canal.

Mr. Cowherd, Missouri, in a speech on the Philippine question, claimed that the advocates of imperialism were actuated by two motives—militarism and commercial greed. He denied that Jefferson was the father of modern expansion, quoting extensively from Jefferson's writings to show that Jefferson's motives in securing the annexation of Louisiana were to avoid embroiling the country in foreign wars in the future. Jefferson, he said, desired to insure peace; modern expansionists courted foreign complications.

"Mr. Chairman," concluded Mr. Cowherd, "there was a time when we boasted nor of the money we could make, not that yonder flag carried trade in its wake, but that it carried liberty. To-day its proud boast is that trade follows the flag.

"Mr. Chairman, I hope the day will never come when any man can rise in any land and point to yonder banner as a commercial asset. [Applause.] I trust, sir, that something still will survive of the days when that banner floated above Washington and his barefooted bloody patriots at Valley Forge; I trust something still will live of the spirit that animated those who upheld that banner when they stood with stubborn old Andrew Jackson at New Orleans. I trust something of the life of liberty still permeates this nation that permeated the followers of yonder flag when they marched with Grant on his stubborn advance to Richmond.

"And Mr. Chairman, if the day ever comes when that banner is nothing but a commercial asset, then, sir, every stripe of white upon its folds should be died in the blood of the men we killed and conquered and from yonder ground of blue you should take every star that represents an independent State." (Applause on the Democratic side.)

Mr. Howard, Georgia, discussed the open door policy in the East and phases of the Philippine problem.

Mr. Bucker, Missouri, submitted an argument for a constitutional amendment for the election of Senators by the people. He said that thirty two States were on record as favoring the popular election of Senators.

Mr. Boutelle, Illinois, closed the debate with a brief reply to the argument of Mr. Cowherd. He said that military glory and commercial greed were as repugnant to him as to the gentleman from Missouri. He hoped and prayed that in dealing with the problem which confronted us we would be guided by the highest motives and that the blessings of the God of nations and the approval of all civilization would rest upon us.

At 4.55 P. M. the House adjourned.

TO HOLDERS OF U. S. BONDS.

Secretary Gage's Circular Directing the Manner in Which Exchange Shall Be Made Under the New Law.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Immediately upon receiving notice that the Financial bill had been approved by the President, Secretary Gage issued a circular to holders of United States five per cent. bonds of the act of January 14th, 1875; four per cent. consols of 1907, act of July 14th, 1870, and January 10th, 1871, and three per cent. bonds of 1908, of the act of June 13th, 1898, directing attention to section 11 of the act approved to-day. Secretary Gage directs that in order to effect the exchange of the old bonds for the new two per cents., the outstanding bonds will be accepted in the order of the surrender of them to the secretary, and the new bonds will be issued in the same order in lieu thereof.

Bonds held by the treasurer of the United States in trust for a national bank may be surrendered by letter addressed to the secretary of the treasury, accompanied with the treasurer's receipt representing the bonds, together with a resolution of the board of directors of the bank authorizing the treasurer to assign the bonds.

Any registered bonds forwarded should be assigned to the Secretary of the Treasury for exchange into 2 per cent. bonds.

The assignment should be dated and witnessed by one of the officers named in the note which is printed on the back of each bond.

Registered bonds inscribed in the name of an institution, forwarded for exchange, must be accompanied by a resolution of the board of directors of the institution, authorizing their assignment to the Secretary of the Treasury for such exchange. The present worth of the surrendered bonds to yield an income of 2½ per cent. per annum will be calculated as to the date of their acceptance, except as provided in the next paragraph and the difference between present worth of said bonds and their par value will be paid to the owner by a check. All outstanding bonds surrendered and accepted for exchange prior to April 1st, will bear interest to that date when interest on the new bonds will be calculated as of the said April 1st. The new bonds will be issued in denominations as follows: Coupon, $50, $100, $500, $1,000; registered, $50, $100, $500, $1,000, $5,000, $10,000, $50,000.

"In exercise of the discretion given to the Secretary of the Treasury under Section 11 of the Act, he reserves the right to suspend the exchange of bonds above contemplated whenever, in his opinion, the interests of the government may be best served thereby. The Secretary of the Treasury also reserves the right to change the terms of exchange above set forth, either by requiring a bonus or premium upon the 2 per cent. bonds by requiring the holders of bonds outstanding to surrender the same in exchange for the new bonds at a rate to yield income of more than 2½ per cent. per annum.'

GOLD STANDARD BILL.

President McKinley Affixed His Signature to the Financial Measure.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—At fourteen minutes to 1 o'clock this afternoon the President affixed his signature to the Financial bill, thus making it a law of the land. Mr. Overstreet, of Indiana, who had the bill in charge, arrived at the White House about five minutes before that time and was shown into the cabinet room, where he was joined by the President, who, after inquiring if the bill had been compared with care, affixed his signature to it. At the same time he recalled to those who stood by, the fact that many of the important financial bills which had been passed by Congress had been approved on the 14th of the month. He spoke of the Sherman Act, the Resumption Act, and now the bill which was before him, In signing the bill the President used a new gold pen and holder which Mr. Overstreet had brought with him for the purpose.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Griffin, Ga., knitting mills organized. Capital $20,000.

The President yesterday nominated A. L. McCaskill to be postmaster at Fayetteville, N. C.

Secretary Root and party will start home from Havana next Saturday, coming via Charleston.

Another death from bubonic plague has occurred at Sydney, N. S. W., and two new fresh cases have developed.

The schooner Lizzie S. James, ashore on Hatteras Inlet bar, has broken in two near the mainmast, is full of water and will be a total loss.

The outbreak of the bubonic plague at Buenos Ayres has been semi officially recognized as of a "mild type." There have been twenty-five cases within two months.

John M. Wampler was sentenced at Gladeville, Va., yesterday to be hanged for killing William Jenkins at Norton, Va., three weeks ago. Wampler is a leading business man of that section and Jenkins was a prominent attorney.

The Merritt-Chapman wrecking tug Coley, has abandoned the schooner Lizzie T. James, aground on Hatteras Inlet bar, and has proceeded to Ocracoke, to finish stripping the abandoned British steamer Ariosto.

The city council, of Charleston, S. C., extended an official invitation to President McKinley to visit that city during the convention of the National Educational Association which is to be held there during July next.

The Norwegian steamship Framness, Captain Thorbyarman, with a crew of 28 men and carrying a large and valuable cargo, from Philadelphia to Havana, via Norfolk, struck a reef on the Bahamas and became a total loss. She had not been heard from since she left Norfolk February 25th. The chief officer and four of her crew have been picked up in a small boat.

A Monster Devil Fish

Destroying its victim, is a type of Constipation. The power of this murderous malady is felt on organs and nerves and muscles and brain. There's no health till it's overcome. But Dr. King's New Life Pills are a safe and certain cure. Best in the world for Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. Only 25 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

BOERS EVACUATED BLOEMFONTEIN.

Gen. Roberts Occupied the Place and Hoisted the British Flag on the Capitol.

THE BRITISH ARE REJOICING.

Roberts the Hero of the Hour—Boers Are Still Defiant--Kruger Says They Will Fight to the Last—Concentrating on Their Own Territory.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 15, 4.15 A. M.—The first half of the campaign is over. Lord Roberts arrived at the Modder river on February 9th. He entered Bloemfontein on March 13th. Thus, in a little over a month, he has effected the relief of Kimberley and Ladysmith, the capture of General Cronje's forces, and the hoisting of the British flag in the capital of the Free State. All this has been accomplished with comparatively trifling losses.

It is small wonder that he is the hero of the hour in England. All the newspapers eulogize him and congratulate the country. They talk of the Free State as having passed out of existence and as being now one of the shadows of history.

It is not doubted there may yet be heavy fighting, but the genius of Lord Roberts is looked to for victory over all difficulties. His grim reference to the "late" President Steyn is understood to show that there shall be no ambiguity as to the position assumed toward the republics. The fact that Mr. Frazer, late chairman of the Free State raad and leader of the opposition to Mr. Steyn came with the deputation to surrender the keys, is regarded as extremely significant of considerable differences of opinion among the Free Staters regarding the war.

It is interesting, in connection with the rapid advance of Lord Roberts, to learn that the Russian military attache with the Boers who were captured by the British, sent the following telegram to the Czar: "I am perfectly amazed at the energy in action and the endurance of the British infantry. I need say no more."

There is still no news as to whether Lord Roberts has captured any rolling stock. If he has not, then he will be obliged to wait until the repairing of the bridges over the Orange river enables him to bring rolling stock up.

The British continue pressing their advance on the Orange river. The Boers still hold Bethulie bridge, on the north side of the stream, but their trenches are dominated by the British artillery. Heavy firing is in progress and there has been some skirmishing.

Lord Kitchener seems to be very successful in reducing the extent of the Dutch rising.

British Occupy Bloemfontein.

LONDON, March 14, 9 P. M.—It is officially announced that Lord Roberts has occupied Bloemfontein and that the British flag is flying from the top of the capital.

The following is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch to the War Office announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:

"*Bloemfontein*, Tuesday, March 13, 8 P. M.—By the help of God and by the bravery of her Majesty's soldiers, the troops under my command have taken possession of Bloemfontein. The British flag now floats over the Presidency, evacuated last evening by Mr. Steyn, late President of the Orange Free State. Mr. Frazer, member of the late executive government, the mayor, the secretary of the late government, the landrost and other officials, met me two miles from the town and presented me with the keys of the public offices.

"The enemy have withdrawn from the neighborhood and all seems quiet, the inhabitants of Bloemfontein gave the troops a cordial welcome."

The above dispatch, though dated Tuesday, was not received at the War Office until 7 30 P. M. Wednesday. It was made public a few minutes before 8 o'clock. The delay is attributed to the field telegraph not being connected with Bloemfontein on Tuesday evening.

Saturday's Fight at Abram's Kraal.

PRETORIA, Tuesday, March 13.—A dispatch from Bloemfontein says that in view of the military situation the seat of government may be removed to Kroonstadt.

Commander Delarey's report of the fight at Abram's kraal, Saturday, says:

"The British were estimated to number 40,000 men. Their first assault was repulsed. Only two Boers were wounded. The second assault was made on the hills to the left of our position. These hills were of great strategic importance. Appreciating this, I and three hundred men defended the position from nine in the morning until sundown. The burghers fought like heroes and three times repulsed masses of the British, who kept relieving their tired men. Every attempt to storm was defeated. At sundown there were not fifty yards between us. The British lost heavily. No accurate returns of our loss are available."

War to the Bitter End.

PRETORIA, Monday, March 12, via Lorenzo Marques, Tuesday, 13.—Lord Salisbury's reply to Presidents Kruger and Steyn causes bitter disappointment; and State Secretary Reitz say it means that the war will have to be fought to the bitter end.

Cannot Hold Out Much Longer.

LONDON March 14.—Mafeking can scarcely hold out much longer. The news of Col. Plumer's approach has given substance to the rumors of its relief, but those best informed are inclined to think the relief is more likely to be accomplished by Colonel Peakaan's column from Kimberley. Private advices have set forth that Col. Plumer had almost given up hope of accomplishing anything more than harrassing the Boers, though since these were written it is possible that the diminished numbers of the investing forces may have rendered Plumer's task more favorable.

Everything is apparently quiet in Natal, while from Herschel comes the statement that the total collapse of the insurgent colonists is imminent.

Demonstration at Cape Town.

CAPE TOWN, March 14.—A great popular demonstration took place here on the receipt of the news that Bloemfontein had been entered by the British. All church bells were rung and a procession headed by the Union Jack went to the government house, where Sir Alfred Milner made his acknowledgements.

The demonstrators sang "God Save the Queen," and then paraded through the principal streets, cheering and singing patriotic songs.

To Free Boer Prisoners.

CAPE TOWN, March 14.—It has just transpired that another plot has been discovered to free the Boer prisoners at Simonstown. The remarkable quantities of watermelons received by the prisoners aroused comment and an investigation discovered that compromising letters were contained in the melons, the writers planning the escape of the captives. Great satisfaction is felt here at the fact that transports with the bulk of the prisoners sail for St. Helena to-night.

Col. Plumer's Force.

LOBATSI, Thursday, March 8.—Col. Plumer's force reached here Tuesday, March 6th. It is believed that only a single bridge southward has been destroyed and otherwise the railroad is intact within five miles of Mafeking. Colonel Plumer has already dispersed several Boer police posts in the neighborhood and is actively pushing his advance southward.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Postmaster for Fayetteville Appointed. Rural Free Delivery Secured by Representative Bellamy.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—The President to-day appointed Alex. L. McCaskill postmaster at Fayetteville.

Col. Charles A. Cook, of Warrenton, is here looking after some claims of North Carolina against the United States, growing out of the Spanish war.

Internal Revenue Collector E. C. Duncan, of Raleigh, is here. He was at the capitol to-day and had a conference with Senator Pritchard.

Representative Bellamy has been assured by the Postoffice Department that two or more rural free deliveries will shortly be established in his district. The places to have the deliveries will be in Union, Scotland or Robeson and New Hanover. The necessary blanks have been sent to the places.

A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, is in the city.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

Wadesboro Selected as the Place Where Best Observation Can Be Made.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 14.—Professor Charles Young, of the University Astronomical Department, announced to day that preparations are now being made by him to observe the total eclipse of the sun, which will take place on May 28th. The instruments for the work are in course of construction.

Wadesboro, N. C., has been selected as the place where the best observations can be made and a party of Princeton professors, under the direction of Professor Young, will leave here for that point two weeks prior to the date of the eclipse. The work undertaken will be mainly spectroscopic, including particularly a determination, both visual and photographic, of the position of the corona line. Several sets of photographs of the eclipse will be taken.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

An Interesting Session Held in Charlotte. Prominent Men Present.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 14.—The United States Industrial Commission had a busy session here to day. A dozen or more prominent men gave testimony as to the present state of manufactures, industry and education in North and South Carolina. Among those who appeared before the commission were Dr. Geo. T. Winston, president of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College; Dr. Chas. M. Sheppard, owner of the tea farm at Summerville, S. C.; Maj. Wm. A. Graham, ex-Congressman S. B. Alexander, and a number of local cotton mill men. The members of the commission will leave here to morrow night for Atlanta.

BURGHERS ARE UNITED.

President Kruger Says the British Will Never Reach Pretoria.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 14.—A dispatch from President Kruger to the *Evening Journal*, dated Pretoria, March 13, 8 P. M., via Berlin, says:

"The Burghers will only cease fighting with death. Our forces are returning in good order to our line of defence on our own soil. The Natal campaign was longer in our favor than we expected. The British will never reach Pretoria. The burghers, Steyn, Juobert and myself, as all the others, are united. There are no differences. God help us."

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For Rent—Store under Bonitz Hotel, 131 Market street. Central location. Suitable for any business. mar 14 3t*

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Pupils should make the greatest advancement in this the last quarter; but parents must not expect much unless the children have a properly tuned and regulated instrument upon which to practice. Send postal or call and we'll "do the rest." John G. Russell, corner Fourth and Grace streets. Bell 'Phone 198. mar 13 tf

A Few Photograph Hints—When you want the best Photograph there is made for the least money come to us We are leading the way in low prices and best work. We are giving a handsome prize with every dozen of our best Photos. The present we speak of is something worth money to you and costs you nothing. Take the hint! Come and see at the Star stud o, 116 Market street. P. S.—The Southern Photo Co. is with us for a short time—making twelve Photos for 15 cents.

The Copartnership heretofore existing between A. F Yopp and H H. Helm, conducting a Bicycle business under name of Yopp & Helm, has this day been dissolved by mutual agreement. H B. Helm purchas ng the entire business and will hereafter conduct the same at the stand No 209 Market street A. F. Yopp, H. H. Helm January 19th, 1900. fe 23 1m

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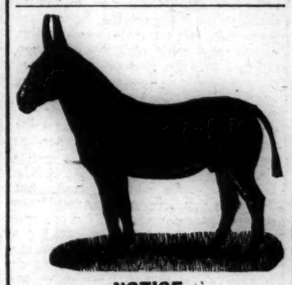


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